(c) No, Sir. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) encourages setting up of all industries except for a small negative list.

Khadi and Village Industries in Andhra Pradesh

2435. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of weavers and other workers depending on Khadi and Village Industries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Khadi industry is in a financial wrap; and

(c) if so, the steps taken and proposed to protect and popularise Khadi in the country particularly in Andhra Prasesh to protect the weavers dependent on Khadi Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) about 34,000 workers are engaged in Khadi programme including polyvastra and 3.26 lakhs workers (approx.) are engaged in village industries in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Specific Programme to Promote Rural Industries

†2436. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to formulate a specific programme to promote rural industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. No new programmes are under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are adequate number of programmes in operation.

Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme

2437. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement IIDS (Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme) for the development of small scale industries in rural and backward areas in Rajasthan and Orissa States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what other measures Government are undertaking to promote SSI (Small Scale Industries) in Rajasthan and Orissa during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and whether any budgetary provisions have been made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has already sanctioned four Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Centres in Rajasthan, one each in the district of Jodhpur, Nagur, Tonk and Udaipur. Central grant of Rs. 4.97 crores has already been released for these centres. In the State of Orissa, three IID Centres one each in the districts of Khurda, Rayagadha and Jagatsinghpur have been sanctioned and the Central grant of Rs. 2.99 crores has been released. All these projects are at various stages of implementation.

(b) The programmes / schemes of the Government to promote the Small Scale Industries Sector are common throughout the country including Rajasthan and Orissa and are implemented through organizations like Small Industries Development Organization, National Small Industries Corporation and Small Industries Development Bank of India. These include schemes for technology upgradation, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the educated unemployed